Dear Lazarus...

Okondedwa Lazaro

You are the 6th President of Malawi;from 1955 the year you were born to the current year 2021, making your 66 years of age.

If we are to be a little wise here, we will see that you are befitting the description that John gave in the book of revelation which that of the number of the beast and [also] the man, putting you in a very tight position; for according to how you can handle matters, you can land yourself on either one of the two sides...

Wakutsina Khutu, Ndi Mnasi.

Ndatha ine wanu

Charles A. Mkandawire

Dear Lazarus

Many God fearing citizens of Malawi and the entire world have considered Malawi to be a blessed country under your leadership. A man whom - when others were studying Economics, Engineering and Business studies, turned his mind to God and gave his life to do His will.
All Malawian citizens cannot take this for granted but rather we need to look at your appointment as God's intervention in our affairs - in the same way Moses was sent to the children of Israel when they were in bondage in Egypt.

As a people still in darkness, one can ask, "Is Malawi still in Bondage?" Well, many African people think that Africa is free. We have been sold a lie that we are Independent nations and we have believed and continue to believe in that lie, so much so - that we are satisfied with a token freedom, in our token neighbourhoods, living in a token house, driving a token car, drinking the token alcohol, while smoking our token cigarette.

Permit me to walk with you in the history of this beautiful country called the *warm heart of Africa*.

Akulu akulu anati "Sutama nkhuku kunona naunyoza dzira, poti chononacho chifumira mudzira."
Marcus Garvey, the father of the Pan Africanism said, and I would love to quote him; "A people without the knowledge of their past, is like a tree without the roots."
If we know what transpired yesterday, I think we can intelligently discuss today.

The History of Malawi

The History of Malawi covers the area of present-day Malawi which was once part of the Maravi Empire. During colonial times, this territory was ruled by the British who first refered to it as British Central Africa and later Nyasaland which became part of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The country achieved full independence (of which I question) as Malawi in 1964. After independence, Malawi was ruled as a one-party state under Hastings Banda until 1994.

The name Malawi is thought to derive from the word Maravi. The people of the Maravi Empire were iron workers. Maravi is thought to mean “Flames” and may have come from the sight of many kilns lighting up the night sky. A dynasty known as the Maravi Empire was founded by the Amaravi people in the late 15th century. The Amaravi, who eventually became known as the Chewa (a word possibly derived from a term meaning “foreigner”), migrated to Malawi from the region of the modern-day Republic of Congo to escape unrest and disease. The Chewa attacked the Akafula, whom no longer exist.

Eventually encompassing most of modern Malawi, as well as parts of modern-day Mozambique and Zambia, the Maravi Empire began on the southwestern shores of Lake Malawi. The head of the empire during its expansion was the Kalonga (also spelt Karonga). The Kalonga ruled from their headquarters in Mankhamba. Under the leadership of the Kalonga, sub-chiefs were appointed to occupy and subdue new areas. The empire began to decline during the early 18th century when fighting among the sub-chiefs and the burgeoning

slave trade weakened the authority of the Maravi Empire.

So basically if you are not Akafula or a descendent of the Akafula people, then you too are a foreigner in Malawi as the word chewa means foreigner. Initially, the Maravi Empire's economy was largely dependent on agriculture, especially the production of millet and sorghum. It was during the Maravi Empire, sometime during the 16th century, that Europeans first came into contact with the people of Malawi. Under the Maravi Empire, the Chewa had access to the coast of modern-day Mozambique. Through this coastal area, the Chewa traded ivory, iron, and slaves with the Portuguese and Arabs. Trade was enhanced by the common language of Chewa (Nyanja) which was spoken throughout the Maravi Empire.

In 1616 the Portuguese trader Gaspar Bocarro journeyed through what is now Malawi, producing the first European account of the country and its people.
The Portuguese were also responsible for the introduction of maize to the region. Maize would eventually replace sorghum as the staple of the Malawian diet. Malawian tribes traded slaves with the Portuguese. These slaves were sent mainly to work on Portuguese plantations in Mozambique and as far away as Brazil.

The decline of the Maravi Empire resulted from the entrance of two powerful groups into the region of Malawi.
In the 19th century, the Angoni or Ngoni people and their chief Zwangendaba, arrived from the Natal region of modern day South Africa.

The Angoni were part of a great series of Zulu and other Nguni wars which forced the second and third migration, known as the mfecane; whereby people were fleeing from the militant Zulu king, Shaka Zulu.
The Ngoni people settled mostly within the modern-day Ntcheu and Dedza districts. However, some groups proceeded north; entering Tanzania and settling around Lake Victoria, where splinter groups then broke off and headed back south; settling in today's northern Malawi, in places such as Mzimba district, where they mixed with other migrant groups coming from across Lake Malawi called the Bawoloka.

Evidence, that the Mfecane migration had a magnificent impact on Southern Africa. The Ngoni tribe adopted Shaka's military tactics to subdue the lesser tribes, including the Maravi, they had found along their way. Staging from rocky areas, the Ngoni impis would raid the Chewa (also called Achewa) and plunder food, oxen and women. Young men were drawn in as new fighting forces while older men were reduced to domestic slaves and/or sold off to Arab slave traders operating from the Lake Malawi region.

The second group to take power around this time was the Yao. The Yao were also known by a derogatory term 'Achawa or Machawa,' which is a word used by many people in southern Africa.
The author of the History of the Yao (Chiikala ChaWayao), Yohanna Abdallah argued that it was the Mang'anja who coined the term Achawa in reference to the Yao because the Mang'anja and later on the Makuwa-Lomwe failed to pronounce the proper name of Yao.

Edward Alpers states that the term Achawa might have originated from the Lomwe who knew the Yao as a people who ate their own food (anolya achawa). The Yao were richer and more independent than the Makuwa.
They came to Malawi from northern Mozambique to escape either from famine and conflict with the Makuwa people who were jealous of the Yao.

The factors which caused the Yao to migrate from Yaoland are complicated and need extensive research.
One factor is that the Makuwa attacked the Yao due to their own resentment. The Makuwa tribe had become enemies of the Yao because of the wealth the Yao were amassing through trading ivory and later on slaves to Arabs from Zanzibar with the Portuguese; during the same time the French introduced sugar plantations on Réunion Island as well as Mauritius.

It was the French who influenced the Sultan of Zanzibar to procure slaves from the hinterland. In due course the Arabs, who had known the Yao before the Portuguese, asked the Yao to go to the interior and bring slaves rather than bringing ivory. The Yao, upon migrating to Malawi in the 1800s, soon began buying slaves from the Chewa and Ngoni.

The Yao are recorded to have also attacked them in order to capture prisoners whom they later sold as slaves. It was through David Livingstone, that the world learnt how the Yao were great slavers who were capturing the Mang'anja.

the existence of the lake was recorded in 1616 by Caspar Boccaro and in 1859, it was recorded that David Livingston reached it from the south. The Yao, who were already settled by the lake - introduced the mass of water he saw as Nyasa.

Livingstone, who did not know chiYao, possibly thought that Nyasa was the proper name of the lake. However, the term Nyasa in chiYao means lake in English. Within two years of discovering Lake Nyasa, Livingstone had to review his plans for colonising Malawi. He used the church to start the process of colonising the land.
He brought the Universities Mission to Central Africa (U.M.C.A) under Bishop Frederick Mackenzie in 1861 to Magomero. The Yao had already settled in Magomero before 1860 and the Christian missionaries encountered resistance from them. The Yao of Magomero had embraced Islam before the 1860s. Bishop Mackenzie and Livingstone took sides with the Mang'anja who were anti-Muslim. Wars erupted between the Yao and Bishop Mackenzie.

Livingstone and Bishop Mackenzie shot the Yao, burnt their houses and fields. The wars between the Yao and Livingstone at Magomero in 1861 do not appear clearly in the history textbooks of Malawi.

'Studies at the University of Malawi (UNIMA) have for a long time been conducted on how to demolish the Yao history (see The Creation of Tribalism in Southern Africa (ed.) Leroy Vail). The Magomero wars in 1861 were the first wars encountered in Malawi between Christian missionaries and Yao Muslims.

Livingstone and the U.M.C.A were criticized for attacking the Yao. Instead of preaching the gospel the missionaries engaged in politics at Magomero by siding with the Mang'anja. The Yao were regarded as intruders, invaders, and foreigners by the missionaries.'

The point is - that by the 1860s, a number of Yao people had already embraced Islam and it was difficult for the missionaries to convert them. They had already heard the stories of Jesus through the Quranic interpretations during Siyala preachings, and they felt insulted to be regarded as uncivilized. Christian missionaries had a tendency to call Africans 'infidels' if they did not convert to Christianity. In the minds of Christian missionaries, all Africans were uncivilized.

They came to Africa to civilize the infidels. The missionaries are said to have brought the three Cs to Malawi i.e. Civilisation, Commerce and Christianity.

It was the Mang'anja who had not yet embraced Islam before the arrival of the Christian missionaries. However, Islam appeared among the Mang'anja of the Shire valley in the 1500s when the Arabs were trading with the Phiri. Some Africans had already embraced Islam at that period.
However, the presence of Arabs along the Zambezi-Shire dwindled after the Portuguese killed and enslaved a number of Muslims. Muslim slaves were taken to
Brazil. This was the end of Islamic influence in the Zambezi-Shire valley.

When David Livingstone and Bishop Mackenzie came to

Magomero in 1861 they found the Yao and the Mang'anja living side by side. The Yao were already civilised at that period.
They were dressed in long robes and kofias (skull caps), and were trading with the Rwozi kingdom in Zimbabwe, with Bisa in the Luangwa valley, with the Lunda of Mwata Kazembe of Zambia, and even going all the way up to Congo and the east coast; then Kilwa and in Unguja (Zanzibar) were the Yao lodestars.

The Yao travelled extensively in this part of Africa. The long trade expeditions needed people who knew some geography and arithmetic (masoma ga yisabu) in order to do their business transactions. The Yao had already acquired some skills in reading and writing using the Arabic alphabet, building dhows (yombo) along the lake shore, irrigation (matimbe), growing rice, and founding madrassahs and boarding schools (chiwuwo).

The Yao were the first, and for a long while, the only group to use firearms, which they bought from Europeans and Arabs, for conflicts with other tribes. With the use of firearms the Yao in southern Malawi helped to defend the Mang'anja, who were being attacked by the Kololo.

The Kololo were a people who came to Malawi from chief Sebetwane of Botswana. They were porters of Livingstone. David Livingstone left them in the Shire valley armed with guns which they used to terrorise and kill the Mang'anja in order to usurp the Mang'anja chieftainships of Chibisa and Tengani.

Thanks to the Yao, the Mang'anja were not wiped out from the map of Malawi. The Yao even supplied guns to Chief Mwase Kasungu of Kasungu district who was being terrorised by the Ngoni followers of chief M'mbelwa of Mzimba.

Mwase's guns helped to defend the Chewa from the Ngoni as well as from wild animals.

In the course of history the Yao were later on depicted as a people who were enslaving the original inhabitants. In fact the Yao were resisting the colonisation of Malawi in the name of spreading Christianity, Civilisation and Commerce. After failing to convert the Yao in Magomero in 1861, the Scottish decided to send another group of missionaries. The Free Church of Scotland arrived in Mangochi in 1875.

The Scots also sent another group of missionaries to convert the Yao Muslims in Kapeni-Blantyre in 1876.

Chief Kapeni gave land to the Established Church of Scotland in Blantyre where they built what is known as Henry Hendrison Institute (HHI) In 1875, Chief Mponda, a Yao Muslim, welcomed the Christians to open a mission in Cape Maclear.

For six years the missionaries who settled among the Yao in Mangochi, i.e. the Free Church of Scotland, failed to convert Muslims to Christianity. Bishop Robert Laws decided to leave Mangochi and go further north to Tonga and Tumbuka territories. The Tumbuka and the Tonga were being terrorised by the Ngoni impis of chief M'mbelwa of Mzimba (a Zulu word for body).

A good number of the Tumbuka were the slaves of the Ngoni, whom they called Zowa. The Ngoni had already killed one of the Chikulamayembes (Mkwayira the chief of the Tumbuka) and Mjuma along the Runyina river.

With this background, the Free Church of Scotland found fertile ground for the gospel. The Tumbuka and the Tonga were living in fear of the Ngoni. By 1881 the missionaries opened a station at Bandawe which was a center of writing and reading in Nkhata Bay.

A school was a church and the church was a school.

It was a buffer zone between the Ngoni and the Tonga. It acted as a center of protection from the marauding Ngoni impis. The Tongas for the first time embraced western civilization and they became the first people to be literate through English. Some of the teachers of the Tonga were the Nyanja who had embraced Christianity at Cape Maclear in Mangochi.

Later on, the missionaries went to the Tumbuka, who were also being enslaved by the powerful Ngonis. Robert Laws opened a mission station in Livingstonia near Rumphi in 1894. The Tumbuka sought refuge among the missionaries and embraced Christianity. They became the second tribe to be the most educated in Malawi.

It can be observed that by that period the Yao had completely distanced themselves from Christian education. They were still stuck with eastern influence. They were writing and

reading in Arabic.

It was a blow to the Yao as Arabic education was not recognized in Malawi from 1860s up to modern times.
An educated person from the 1870s up to the 1940s was the one who had an encyclopedic knowledge of the Bible, some arithmetic and English. It was from the 1940s when the government took steps to change the image of education in Malawi. Before 1940, education in Malawi was controlled by the Church.

While the Free Church of Scotland in 1875 went to the Yao Muslims of chief Mponda, the Established Church of Scotland in 1876 also went to the Yao Muslim chief Kapeni of Blantyre. Meanwhile, the White Fathers of the Catholic Church in 1889 sought permission to open a mission station in the territory of Chief Mponda of Mangochi. The Yao had built big towns in Mangochi, and the Mpondas and Makanjila had plenty of food which attracted foreigners.
The missionaries aimed to convert the Muslims of Kapeni in Blantyre, and the Mpondas and Makanjila in Mangochi.

The Yaos were one of the strongest tribes in Malawi. The second were the Ngoni who used Shaka Zulu's tactics in their fighting.

The failure to convert the Yao Muslims to Christianity contributed to the appearing of the negative history of the Yao people. The Yao socio-economic contribution to Malawi was not recognised; rather history judged them as great slave traders.

H. H. Johnson before he came to Malawi had already planned to uproot the influence of 17 Yao chiefs and 2 Ngoni chiefs. On the list were chiefs such as Jalasi, Mponda, Makanjila, Chikumbu, Mtilamanja, Matipwili of the Yao and Gomani of the Ngoni. Powerful chiefs in southern Africa were to be targeted in order to create the British Empire from the Cape to Cairo. This was the dream of Cecil Rhodes.

It started in South Africa where Cecil Rhodes' influence through the British crushed the Zulu kingdom, the Pedi, Ndebele of Zimbabwe and the Lozi of Zambia.
With funding from Cecil Rhodes, from 1891 Johnson fought with the Yao for five years before they were subdued.

Makanjila, Mponda and Jalasi were the strongest Yao chiefs who fought the British under H.H. Johnson's command.
The history of the Yao conversion to Islam can be traced through their long expeditions to the east coast especially to Kilwa and Zanzibar. The Yao had begun to be attracted and converted to Islam before the 1840s. Salim bin Abdallah, who is better known as the Jumbe of Nkhotakota, followed in the Yao footsteps in 1840.

It was from the Yao and the Nyamwezi, that he received accurate information about the geography of Malawi. In Nkhotakota Jumbe employed a number of Yao and Bisa.
The Bisa had known the Yao through the ivory trade which they had both practised along the Luangwa valley where elephants were abundant.
It must be understood that Islam in Malawi can be divided into phases.

The Yao ruling class, particularly chief Makanjila, officially is said to have recommended Islam in 1870 like their Arab trading partners rather than the traditional belief in Mnungu.

The Yao were not animist before Islam. They knew that there is one God known as Amanani, Achipinga, or Wakalakatele. They did not worship idols; rather their spiritual place was under an Msolo tree where they asked the assistance of God through amasoka (ancestralspirits). They believed that it was impossible to approach God directly but through Amasoka.

As a benefit of their conversion, the Yao employed Swahili and Arab sheikhs from the coast who promoted literacy and founded mosques.

Chief Mponda in Mangochi had almost twelve madrassas before the Christian missionaries arrived in 1875. At those madrassas Yao children were taught how to read and write before the Christian missionaries arrived in 1875.

The Yao were the first people in Malawi to be literate.

They learnt how to read and write through the Arabic alphabet. Their writings were in the Kiswahili language, which became a lingua franca of Malawi from 1870 to the 1960s.

In contemporary history the Yao are known as illiterate people because they did not embrace western education which was a condition for one to convert to Christianity before going to school.
The school was the church and church was a school… and it

is because of this that the Yao distanced themselves from the school.

The most educated people in Malawi were found in Nkhata Bay and Rumphi. These were the two places where the Tonga in 1881 and the Tumbuka in 1894 embraced Christianity out of fear of the powerful Ngoni impis who were terrorizing them.

The first people to attend school were the Tumbuka slave children. The Ngoni with their children were suspicious of the penetration of the missionaries in their domain.
Today we find few Yaos in government departments, which have forced a large number of them to migrate to South Africa as a source of labour.

In Malawi the Yao are farmers, tailors, hawkers, guards, fishermen and working in unskilled manual jobs. From the 1980s the Yao have been sending their children to foreign universities because it has been difficult for them to study at the University of Malawi since 1965. At the present time government departments have employed graduates from University of Zanzibar, the Islamic university of Uganda and International University of Sudan.

The Yao believe that they have been deliberately marginalized by the authorities because of their faith. A number of Yao Muslims at one time concealed their Yao or Islamic names in order to pass to secondary school.
Mariam was known as Mary; Yusufu was called Joseph; Che Sigele became Jeanet voluntarily wearing slave names in

order to be recognised in western society.

The British Empire

In 1883, a consul of the British Government was accredited to the “Kings and Chiefs of Central Africa” and in 1891, the British established the British Central Africa Protectorate.

In 1907 the name was changed to Nyasaland or the Nyasaland Protectorate (Nyasa is the Yao word for “lake”).
In the 1950s, Nyasaland was joined with Northern and Southern Rhodesia in 1953 to form the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The Federation was dissolved on 31 December 1963.

In January 1915, John Chilembwe, a Millenarian pastor in south-eastern Nyasaland, led an unsuccessful revolt, known as the Chilembwe uprising, against British rule. Chilembwe opposed the recruitment of Nyasas in the British army’s campaign in East Africa, as well as the system of colonial rule. Chilembwe’s followers attacked local plantations, but were soon defeated by British forces. Chilembwe was killed, and many of his followers were executed.

In 1944, the Nyasaland African Congress (NAC), inspired by the African National Congress’ Peace Charter of 1914, emerged. NAC soon spread across Southern Africa with powerful branches emerging among migrant Malawian workers in Salisbury (now Harare) in Southern Rhodesia and Lusaka, in Northern Rhodesia.

In July 1958, Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda returned to the country after a long absence in the United States, the United Kingdom and Ghana. He assumed leadership of the NAC, which later became the Malawi Congress Party (MCP).

In 1959, Banda was sent to Gwelo Prison for his political activities but was released in 1960 to participate in a constitutional conference in London.

In August 1961, the MCP won an overwhelming victory in an election for a new Legislative Council. It also gained an important role in the new Executive Council and ruled Nyasaland in all but name a year later. In a second constitutional conference in London in November 1962, the British Government agreed to give Nyasaland self-governing status the following year.

Hastings Banda became Prime Minister on 1 February 1963, although the British still controlled the country's financial, security, and judicial systems. A new constitution took effect in May 1963, providing for virtually complete internal self-government.

Malawi became a fully independent member of the Commonwealth (formerly known as the British Commonwealth) on 6 July 1964.

Shortly after, in August and September 1964, Banda faced dissent from most of his cabinet ministers in the Cabinet Crisis of 1964. The Cabinet Crisis began with a confrontation between Banda, the Prime Minister, and all the cabinet `

ministers present on 26 August 1964. Their grievances were not dealt with, but three cabinet ministers were dismissed on 7 September.

These dismissals were followed, on the same day and on 9 September, by the resignations of three more cabinet ministers in sympathy with those dismissed, although one of those who had resigned rescinded his resignation within a few hours. The reasons that the ex-ministers put forward for the confrontation and their subsequent resignations were the autocratic attitude of Banda, who failed to consult other ministers and kept power in his own hands and his insistence on maintaining diplomatic relations with South Africa and Portugal as well as a number of domestic austerity measures.

After continuing unrest and some clashes between their supporters and those of Banda, most of the ex-ministers left Malawi in October. One ex-minister, Henry Chipembere led a small, unsuccessful armed uprising in February 1965. After its failure, he arranged for his transfer to the USA.

Another ex-minister, Yatuta Chisiza, organised an even smaller incursion from Mozambique in 1967, in which he was killed. Several of the former ministers died in exile or, in the case of Orton Chirwa in a Malawian jail, but some survived to return to Malawi after Banda was deposed in 1993, and resumed public life.

Two years later, Malawi adopted a republican constitution and became a one-party state with Hastings Banda as its first president.

One-party rule

In 1970, Hastings Banda was declared President for life of the MCP, and in 1971 Banda consolidated his power and was named President for life of Malawi itself. The paramilitary wing of the Malawi Congress Party, the Young Pioneers, helped keep Malawi under totalitarian control until the 1990s.

Banda, who was always referred to as "His Excellency the Life President Ngwazi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda", was a dictator. Allegiance to him was enforced at every level. Every business building was required to have an official picture of Banda hanging on the wall.
No other poster, clock, or picture could be placed higher on the wall than the president's picture. The national anthem was played before most events – including movies, plays, and school assemblies. At the cinemas, a video of His Excellency waving to his subjects was shown while the anthem played.

When Banda visited a city, a contingent of women was expected to greet him at the airport and dance for him. A special cloth, bearing the President's picture, was the required attire for these performances.
The one radio station in the country aired the President's speeches and government propaganda. People were ordered from their homes by police, and told to lock all windows and doors, at least an hour prior to President Banda passing by.

Everyone was expected to wave.

Among the laws enforced by Banda, it was illegal for women to wear see-through clothes, pants of any kind or skirts which showed any part of the knee. There were two exceptions to this: if they were at a Country Club (a place where various sports were played) and if they were at a holiday resort/hotel, which meant that with the exception of the resort/hotel staff they were not seen by the general populace.

Men were not allowed to have hair below the collar; when men whose hair was too long arrived in the country from overseas, they were given a haircut before they could leave the airport.
Churches had to be government sanctioned. Members of certain religious groups, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, were persecuted and forced to leave the country at one time.

All Malawian citizens of Indian heritage were forced to leave their homes and businesses and move into designated Indian areas in the larger cities. At one time, they were all told to leave the country, and then hand-picked ones were allowed to return.

It was illegal to transfer or take privately earned funds out of the country unless approved through proper channels; proof had to be supplied to show that one had already brought in the equivalent or more in foreign currency in the past. Many left Malawi, accepting to give up goods, possessions and earnings.

All movies shown in theatres were first viewed by the Malawi Censorship Board.

Content considered unsuitable – particularly nudity or political content – was edited. Mail was also monitored by the Censorship Board. Some overseas mail was opened, read, and sometimes edited. Videotapes had to be sent to the Censorship Board to be viewed by censors.

Once edited, the movie was given a sticker stating that it was now suitable for viewing, and sent back to the owner. Telephone calls were monitored and disconnected if the conversation was politically critical. Items to be sold in bookstores were also edited. Pages, or parts of pages, were cut out or blacked out of magazines such as Newsweek and Time.

While Malawi was a middle income country in the world, during much of Banda's tenure, he managed to keep peace in the country for most of the time he was in power. He was a wealthy man, like most if not all world leaders. He owned houses (and lived in a palace), businesses, private helicopters, cars and other such luxuries.

Speaking out against the President was strictly prohibited and those who did were often deported or imprisoned.

Banda and his government were criticised for human rights violations by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

After he was deposed, Banda was put on trial for murder and attempts to destroy evidence. During his rule, Banda was one of the very few post-colonial African leaders to maintain diplomatic relations with Apartheid-era South Africa.

Multi-party democracy

Increasing domestic unrest and pressure from Malawian churches and from the international community, led to a referendum in which the Malawian people were asked to vote for either a multi-party democracy or the continuation of a one-party state.

On 14 June 1993, the people of Malawi voted overwhelmingly in favour of multi-party democracy. Free and fair national elections were held on 17 May 1994 under a provisional constitution, which took full effect the following year and Bakili Muluzi, leader of the United Democratic Front (UDF), was elected President in those elections. The UDF won 82 of the 177 seats in the National Assembly and formed a coalition government with the Alliance for Democracy (AFORD). That coalition disbanded in June 1996, but some of its members remained in government. The President was referred to as Dr Muluzi, having received an honorary degree at Lincoln University in Missouri in 1995.

Malawi's newly written constitution (1995) eliminated special powers previously reserved for the Malawi Congress Party. Accelerated economic liberalisation and structural reformaccompanied the political transition. On 15 June 1999, Malawi held its second democratic elections.

Bakili Muluzi was re-elected to serve a second five-year term as President, despite an MCP-AFORD Alliance that ran a joint slate against the UDF. The aftermath of elections brought the country to the brink of civil strife.

Disgruntled Tumbuka, Ngoni and Nkhonde Christian tribes dominant in the north were irritated by the election of Bakili Muluzi, a Muslim from the south.
Conflict arose between Christians and Muslims of the Yao tribe (Muluzi's tribe). Property valued at over millions of dollars was either vandalised or stolen and 200 mosques were torched down.

Malawi in the 21st century

In 2001, the UDF held 96 seats in the National Assembly, while the AFORD held 30, and the MCP 61. Six seats were held by independents that represented the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) opposition group.
The NDA was not recognised as an official political party at that time. The National Assembly had 193 members, of which 17 were women, including one of the Deputy Speakers.

Malawi saw its very first transition between democratically elected presidents in May 2004, when the UDF's presidential candidate Bingu wa Mutharika defeated MCP candidate John Tembo and Gwanda Chakuamba, who was backed by a grouping of opposition parties.

The UDF, however, did not win a majority of seats in Parliament, as it had done in 1994 and 1999 elections. It successfully secured a majority by forming a "government of national unity" with several opposition parties.

Bingu wa Mutharika left the UDF party on 5 February 2005 citing differences with the UDF, particularly over his anti-corruption campaign.
He won a second term outright in the 2009 election as the head of a newly founded party, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP).

Going Forward

The DPP has ruled till June 2020 in controversial re-run elections, where the Malawi Congress Party won the Vote in the name of TONSE Alliance, with Dr Lazarus Chakwera as the President of Malawi.

Fast forwarding through the history of Malawi, we can see that Malawi and its people are still tied up to Christianity and western education which are the very same tools Robert Laws, Bishop Mackenzie and the Free Church of Scotland had used to colonise the Tonga and Tumbuka people and eventually all most all tribes in Malawi, so it is a slave mentality to think that our African countries are independent Nations, when INDEPENDENCE only means Free from outside control, and our system of Governance, is controlled from the outside, by somebody who is supposed to be our enemy.

Looking into your academic background, you are a man who has spent a lot of time in studying God's word. And that is what forms the basis of this book.

The arrival of the church in Malawi came with a distorted doctrine, fashioned to suit the needs of those who brought it to us. The word of God was distorted by adding and extracting content to mislead the masses.

Religion, apart from bringing the bible, brought Guns along with it too for the colonisation of Malawi, and many Malawians young and old were murdered by 'missionaries' in the name of Jesus Christ.

Your election and selection came at a time when Malawi was in need of both a Spiritual and Political leader to guide Malawians not only onto the true path of God but also to the knowledge of themselves and God.
You represent what the bible refers to as 'the first fruit of them that slept, "Since by one man came Death and by one Man came also the resurrection of the dead, for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.'

You are the first resurrected Malawian, with an assignment to resurrect the entire nation of Malawi, with the truth from God, knowing that it is only the truth that will set us free. We have avoided the true knowledge of God and ourselves, keeping us tied-up to our colonial master.

In Mathew 21
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them. In truth and with the truth, we cannot deny that Malawi

has not yet fully attained independence.

If we achieved political independence where we have not as yet achieved economical and spiritual independence, then that liberation is nothing but an illusion. Freedom means freedom when all are free.

Malawi as all third world nation suffers from oppression at all levels, black nations have an illusion of political independence. It is a mockery of freedom to be raising a country's flag and have 'independence celebrations,' when resources from under our feet are being controlled by imperialistic powers of the world.

The third level of human liberation is spiritual independence.

Spiritual independence controls the first and the second levels which are political independence and economical independence.

In the Bible, Ezekiel 16:4–12, English Standard Version, there is a scripture that if our studies of God's word were really true and genuine from God himself, we will be exposed with understanding of the truth told by God through his prophet Ezekiel about the birth of our so called independence from the British.

4 *And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you*
washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths.

5*No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you out of compassion for you, but you were cast out on the open field, for you were abhorred, on the day that you were born.*

To understand this verse, one has to be inspired by God as the writers of the bible were inspired by God too. In order for you to interpret God's words, God must breathe into you his spirit, so that you can be able to understand his word.

In this bodily form, we can understand this verse as a woman in a village giving birth with no one to help her and the baby, but NOT so with the spiritual eyes. Ezekiel was one of many prophets like Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, Noah and Isaiah, sent by God with a message of liberation to the people oppressed and also a warning to their oppressors.

The prophet here talks about an event that will occur in the future and this is the future. Colonial Masters gave us half a freedom, and on 6th July 1964 when we were told that we are free, the umbilical cord which attached Nyasaland to Britain was and is not yet still cut.
We were not given the right knowledge to start doing things for ourselves… washing us with water to cleanse us from the fear and trauma that colonization brought into our lives, rubbed with salt and wrapped in swaddling cloth, through reparations of the money that our forefathers worked for Britain and Portugal.

Europe never spared an eye. It simply chose to look away when Britain was robbing our poor country. We were cast out on the open field, for we were abhorred; this manifested

on the 6th day of July 1964, with a foreign President who was the extension of the British Monarchy sat at the head of the Malawian table.
But as the prophecy goes further, we will read in verse 6:

6 *And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'*

This is God Himself talking now! As the European world was watching us suffering, God the knower of all things was watching too, and he promised us complete freedom after oppression. Like a tree battling with forces of the wind from all directions strengthens and sends the roots further down, for its growth – and so God gave us strength and protection to resist all the evil done unto us by the colonialist.

7. *I 'll make you flourish like a plant of the field - And you grew up and became tall and arrived at full adornment. Your breasts were formed, and your hair had grown; yet you were naked and bare; so to become a giant in the knowledge of Him.*

Continuing onto the next verse:

8 *When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine.*

9. Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. 10. I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. 11. And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. 12. And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head.

In these last verses we see that God knowing that his people have reached the point of knowing who their God is and called upon His Name; as it was written in one of the verses that "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

God has noticed that Malawi has reached the point of entering into a covenant with Him and a cleansing process has to be done, which is followed by the crowning (And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head).

That is the New Era of Leadership in Malawi.

1555 - 1955

If one follows history in order to learn the truth about slavery – one will find that slavery started in the year 1555. It can also be found in the book of Genesis whence God made a covenant with Abraham; “And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;”

A wise person can ask, “are we in a strange Land?”
Where a shallow thinker will answer, ‘we are not!’

And an independent thinker will also ask a question that, “If we are in our own land, why is the land issue taking Centre stage in most African Countries? “

Africa lost its land through colonization and this Land that appears to be ours, belongs to the strangers who have become the owners of the land, thereby leaving the indigenous people in a strange position in their own land amongst strange people who are now the new landlords.

It is no secret today that the land policies of African countries does not side Africans thereby Africans are strangers in the land that was once theirs.
The verses say, “Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs.” A future tense, prophesying of what will happen in the end times to come. Some Jewish people will say “but that’s talking about us when we were in bondage in the land of Egypt.”

Well then, If this is talking about you (the Jews), will you (the Jews) be able to show us in history where it is written apart from the bible? I know there is no such history anywhere written about Jews being in bondage in the land of Egypt for 400 years. This talks about black people.

Can you prove it?

The Jews make such a claim biblically, but we know historically that in 1555 the slave ship named Jesus took our forefathers from Africa to America where they were made slaves. They served the slave master and they were afflicted until 1955.
If we add up years from1555 to 1955, we will get 400 years of servitude and affliction of black people by white masters.

An interesting part of 1955 is that it is the same year that you (His Excellency the President) were born. As Prophet Isaiah in the scriptures says that *" for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:"* Looking at Gods words and applying wisdom into it, we will start to see ourselves in the word of God.

From 1955 when we were told that we are a free people, Neo colonialism started, and this happened to be the worst form of colonisation as this was the colonisation of the mind.

Where wise slave masters were of the knowledge that 'for them to maintain the position of the master,' it was imperative for them to maintain their slaves in the position of a slave…and so - mental slavery continues to afflict.

In the book of exodus it says, *"At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt."*

Remember Egypt here was used to symbolize the nation that was in Power during that time, and it is with no doubt that America is in power now, which means all nations bow to America.
Getting back to mathematics, from 1555 – 1985, the year that I was born, we will find that it is exactly 430 years, so our emancipation from the mental slavery started in 1985 but till to today we have been tricked and fooled that we are free and yet we are not free.

As the 1985 Generation, I think I have the responsibility to set the exodus in motion because that's the year that was prophesied in the bible that our exodus should began. Your coming into power can be considered as a divine intervention for the people you have been given to lead only if can you allow God to be your guide.

The people of Malawi are in dire need of a good leader, who can lead them to the Promised Land not the promised sky. With your studies of the scriptures, you have within you the good qualities that can take the nation of Malawi from the point where it is to a better Malawi that can be better for all and not only a few.

You have been put in your position by God as a political leader, to bring about the kind of political independence that Malawians have long awaited.

You have been put onto the seat of authority as a former spiritual leader to lead Malawians into the third stage of liberation, which is spiritual liberation - that will eventually *bring about Malawi's economic freedom*.

Lazarus is a household name in the Christian world.

Christians can bear me witness that it is impossible to find Jerusalem, Jericho, Rome, and Babylon in the bible, without finding Lilongwe, Salima, Dodoma, Ndola, Limpopo, or Harare. It is impossible that whenever we read the word of God and going through the scriptures cover to cover, to find names that are European and none like Mavuto, Chikondi, Lerato, Chioma, Temwa, Tapiwa, Chipiliro, Jabulani, or Jitu, yet we still consider the book to be our spiritual book.

So if we are still using the book (bible) as our spiritual guide, can this be a sign that we are a part of the scriptures where a trick was played on us that we (the black race) should be in an inferior position throughout life.
For the sake of our lives, we see you as that Saviour, who has come to save us from the white man's oppression. History will judge you if you will not recognise this, and the children's children and their children will blame you for not fulfilling that which God anointed you to fulfil here on earth.

You have attained vast knowledge of God than what most leaders of Malawi have ever had, and the scriptures says,

" to whom so ever much is given, much will be required also from him." Some danger lies within this wisdom!

The following are copies of all the letters I have written - to you and your Government - as a *Guide*, for I know that leaders get drunk with power, Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar were drunk with power of which resulted only in destruction.

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Dear Lazarus
Our First Letter to the President.

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His Excellency the President of the Republic Of Malawi, Dr Lazarus Chakwera.
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As a Director Of the African Eyes and also a Malawian. I find it very interesting writing to the Malawi Government through you on some of the issues that after our thorough research have concluded that the Government needs do better to ensure the improvement of the standard of living of its Citizen.

His Excellency the President of the Republic Of Malawi, Dr Lazarus Chakwera, Many God fearing citizens of Malawi and the entire world have considered Malawi to be one of the Blessed countries, to be under your leadership.

You are the Man whom when others were studying Economics, Engineering and Business studies, your Excellency the President turned your mind to God and gave your life to do the will of God. We as Malawian Citizens, we cannot take this for granted but rather look at it as God's intervention in our affairs.

Malawi being a Christian Country, Lazarus is the name that every citizen of Malawi should know about, but never is the principle behind these Biblical stories of both Lazarus, is understood from the first day that this story was told to us by our slave masters.

In the history of Malawi is a man called John Chilembwe, who like you His Excellency the President of the Republic Of Malawi, studied the word of God though under the scholarship of the Colonial Master and came back from his studies in the USA with the strong will and desire to see the then Nyasaland people gaining not only spiritual Power but also economic power; which will enable them to be free from the

chains of colonial masters and gain control of their Land with all on it and also under it - as rightful owners of this Land Mark.

The Great Liberator Chilembwe Despite being taught (in theology) to turn the other cheek, he obeyed the first Law of nature which is Self Defence, knowing that it is the *right* of every individual who is being attacked to use the degree of force consonant to the force that is coming against him to repel that force. He kept on fighting till he had to run away and die in Mozambique.

Moses In Egypt committed murder in reaction to the killing of a member of his tribe by an Egyptian, and still God went ahead and gave him a task, to liberate his people from the hands of the wicked Pharaoh to the Land that god promised them.

This only shows that God doesn't count the sins that one commits in serving his oppressed people.

As a Doctorate degree holder in theology, I hope you will agree with me His Excellency that the principle behind the story of Lazarus who was eating the fall offs from the rich man's table, mockingly refers to us the black people of the earth.

The wage of an African worker is a good example that can be related to the fall offs that Lazarus was getting from the Billions of Dollars that are being smuggled from Africa.

The Economy of our African Countries is another good example relating to the fall offs that Lazarus was getting from the Billions of Dollars that are being generated from our African resources.

The Country of Malawi is now one of the poorest countries in the world, with its entire national budget roughly equivalent to the budget of the London Borough of Hackney but the UK-Malawi tax treaty allocates taxing rights unfairly favours the UK and limits the ability of the Government of Malawi to tax UK firms operating in Malawi, This is daylight robbery when we compare the two economies, Lazarus Again eating the fall offs from the rich man's table.

In 1965 on the 6th of July, (55 years ago) Malawi received its independence under the Party that voted you in power. But many Malawians now have started to question the independence that we were told that we received from the British Government.

Again As a Doctorate degree holder in theology, you can also agree with me that, The Scripture of *a woman giving birth to a child with no one to wash the baby and the baby was polluted with the air, the umbilical cord still tied up to the mother,* was a prophecy to the birth of our independence from the British, with our economic status still tied up to the British, our land still tied up to the British, and our education system still tied up to the Britain.
You are in the position now that can enable you to facilitate this birth of our independence and cut of the umbilical cord

of Malawi that is still tied to their former slave Master, (Britain).

I know the biblical Lazarus, never! Did one day crossed his mind that the table am under on, is made of wood and nails, by a man like unto him; and that he too, can make his own table to eat on like the rich man does.

Again I know, the biblical Lazarus, never did it cross his mind that the chair this rich man sits on, is also wood and cushion, that if he could also get wood, Linen and cotton, he too, can comfortably sit on the chair made by him on his dinner table and eat like how the rich-man did.

Again I know, the biblical Lazarus, never did it cross his mind that, the bread which the rich man is enjoying, is baked from wheat flour and he can plant wheat, grind it and bake his own bread, then sit on the chair at (not under) his dinner table made by his hands and enjoy the full loaf of bread just exactly like the rich man did.

I hope we will not get Lazy like Lazarus as the name suggests, But rather you will (here on earth) lead the people of Malawi to Paradise to be at the bosom of Abraham, while watching the rich man burning in hell.

REQUESTS

- Rare earth Minerals under the soil of Malawi, is the natural resources of Malawi given to the Malawian people by God to raise the standard of Living of Malawian people; we are requesting you to revisit the contract given to Mkango Mining Company to expropriate thisnatural resource so that it can be a blessing to all Malawians.

- We are also requesting you His Excellency of the Republic of Malawi that our country under your leadership, will not continue to be like Lazarus under the rich man's table waiting for crumbs falling from the rich man's table. There fore we are requesting that The UK–MALAWI Tax treaty to be revisited so that it can be a blessing to and for all Malawians.

- The Land issue should be revisited, as we all vividly remem ber your words in parliament when you were the leader of Opposition, so that like the landless Jews who now own the Palestinian land, Malawians too can also own their land, lots of it as they are the rightful owners of the land.

We will not rest, as we are ready to be reminding you, knowing that Power can also blind our leaders, as Pharaoh in Egypt was blinded by Power, and Nebuchadnezzar too felt in the same trap.

We have trust in the man like of your calibre, who is highly educated in the studies of the Bible, that
you will use the word of God, to make it a relevant book, so

it can lead the people of God into the journey to a good living and the pursuit of happiness, and Join the great men of God like Moses and the children of Israel, Noah and his family, Lot and also his family, that the future generation to come, should be talking about Chakwera and the people of Malawi.

Your's Sincerely

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Then we wrote again to the president, just to follow up on our first letter.

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We wrote to you in the past through the office of the president and cabinet, as well as the Malawi Consulate in South Africa - on the issue that we as the African Eyes organisation believe you to be the right vessel that God can use to help raise the standard living of the Malawian Citizens and the development of Malawi and also Africa at large.

A question May arise WHY CHAKWERA?

No plans can be made without, involving God for He is the master planner, the best planner and the knower of all things.
On a spiritual point of view, If we study the criteria by which God sent his prophets to deliver a people, we will find that first! there must be a people in bondage or Oppressed under the hands of another people, then amongst the oppressed, God will come and raise one to be as what the bible described as “the first fruit of them that slept.”

The children of Israel were in Bondage in Egypt, and God chose Moses - the Abandoned Child - to
liberate the Jews. There could be no Moses without the children of Israel suffering in bondage under the wicked pharaoh in Egypt.

- Through our spiritual eyes, we look at you as the Man standing in place of Moses to the Children of Israel, Jesus to the World and Muhammad “Peace Be Upon Him” to the people of Arabia.

Through my study of the word of God, under the Teachings of the Honourable Elijah Muhammad, I have learnt that the bible should be made a relevant book to help us get to the Promised Land.

For decades, we have tried to use the bible and the Quran as our guide, but beyond reasonable doubt it has been proved that the method we have used to look into the word of God has not been effective enough to transform our lives, so that we too the Africans, can experience the heaven on earth like how other people of this world have done.

Our Spiritual eyes again, have shown us that, you are the first fruit of all of us Malawians who have succumbed to Spiritual darkness and God has raised you from the dead, your Name Lazarus can bear witness that Jesus has raised you from the dead to life again so that you can minister and guide us, and bring life back to our dead walking bodies.

Malawians have been expropriated and oppressed directly by our open enemy, and indirectly by ourselves through greed, evil and selfishness as well as through the people that we entrusted the role of leadership to.

- We have recognised good leadership in you through the words that are coming from your mouth; but words with out action are like faith without works, and the word of God described it as USELESS!

  Like many Malawians we have hope in your leadership, because we know that good leaders do not make people dependent on them but God, and good leaders, lead their people to God, where he then steps out of the way so they can see the magnificence of God and learn to depend on HIM.

  Your profession and educational background, guarantees us that kind of leadership.

- Scriptures will also tell us in the book of, Revelation 18 vs 13. *"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is 666."*

If we take a close look at these scriptures, Wisdom is telling us the significance of the number 6.
God has mentioned two of his creatures that bear the number 666;
1. The beast which is a dangerous animal and
2. The human race that is the highest manifestation of all his creation.

Both of these two creatures fall onto the number 6 - meaning that this number '666' can be used for good and at the same time it can also be used for a bad cause, according to how one handles things.

You are the 6th President of Malawi, and from 1955 the year you were born to our current year 2021, are 66 years. If we are to be a little wise here, we will see that you are befitting of the description that John gave us in the book of revelation; Of the number of the Man and also the Beast, which puts you in a very tight position, for according to how you can handle matters, you can find yourself on one of the two sides.

You are a well-made man shaped and moulded in the ways of nature and the statute of God by God himself through his word. You are like the Man whom the scriptures in Acts 3:22 mentioned. “For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers” and his mission will be to end the wicked rule of the Modern Pharaoh and bring salvation unto the Modern children of Israel.”

Malawians are now the prophetic children of Israel from the bible, with all the hopes in you as our prophetic Moses.

These are the reasons WHY we, the African Eyes, believe that you are the right person to lead Malawians into the Promised Land not the Sky.
WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT CAN MAKE MALAWI A PARADISE ON EARTH FOR MALAWIANS?

When God created this universe, He did it in a very divine way. He created Minerals under the earth, in the sky, in the water and He also put the very same minerals, into the human body. All minerals which are on the periodic table are also in the in the human body.

What does this tells us?

This tells us that it is the sky, the earth and the water is what sustains the human life, in the human body. God made the Human body to be his dwelling place as written in the Bible that the body is the Temple of God.
Lack of these minerals, is a violation of God!

Malawi is a blessed Land because it has these minerals and some even today remain untapped. Our Malawian food produce from our soils are rich in minerals because they are feeding on the rich minerals under the Malawian soil, therefore Malawians are able to eat the food that has all the vital Minerals (Vitamins) created for us by God himself, and Giving away these Minerals without a deep consideration of the future, is a violation of God in us.

Lake Malawi has one of the most nutritiously rich fish species on earth due to minerals that remain untouched.
Giving away these minerals without deep consideration for and of the future is a violation of God in us.

Listening to the speech made by His Excellency the President of Malawi Dr. Lazarus Chakwera on Malawi's Mining Programme - our African Eyes team caught a very grave mistake that we in this generation can make and surely be blamed by our children and our children's children in the years to come.

Here is The Mistake...

We noticed from the speech you made on Sunday the 2th of May 2021, That Malawi Government Gave the Reserve Bank of Malawi to be the sole buyer of all the mineral resources of Malawi, but in your speech you never disclosed where the Reserve Bank of Malawi will be taking the Minerals to!

Every Nation or any organisation has what we call 'The 10%' who are the decision makers, and 'the 85%' who represents the masses that the 10% literally live off of to sustain their riches. I am afraid that you might fall in the same trap that former leaders have drowned in. The 85% of Malawians do not know that the Reserve Bank of Malawi is not owned by the Malawi Government but the Jewish family called the Rothschild's, who have sucked the blood of the poor around the world due to their control and manipulation of Money.

Handing Malawi's resources to this Jewish Family is to make them rich, and they are enriched at the price of our blood, our children's blood and our children's-children's' blood.

Our Request

We know that the Rothschild family is a strong family, that the whole world bows down to; but within the scriptures that you studied, God said and I quote "Me and Me alone you should fear."
We request that this decision should be looked into so that the Mineral resources under the Malawian Soil should be a great blessing from God to Malawian Citizens.

God allocated these minerals in Malawi, for Malawians not the Jews, to benefit Malawians. If we in this generation do not have wisdom and knowledge to convert these minerals into National treasure, then let us all die as failures and wait for the generation that will be wise enough to do so.

It is the younger Generation of the children of Israel that entered the Promised Land after the older ones spied the Promised Land and God killed them all for not trusting in HIM. I hope to liaise and counsel with you on many ways that we can build Malawi with and through platforms made available to us. We are the generation of and for change.

As a spear of the African Eyes organisation, I greet you in Peace!

Your's Sincerely

Charles Akhenaten Mkandawire
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Before writing a third letter to you we tried to reach out to the members of Parliament whom - in my thinking - thought are in the positions to represent us the people, but only two responded, giving us some questions as to whether we made the right choice in going through appropriate channels.

Below is the letter which was addressed to all members of the Parliament of Malawi.

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Dear Honourable members!

First! We would like to greet you with the greeting words of Peace, following a good example of Jesus Christ, for according to the Scriptures, Jesus never meet and leave people without greeting them with the greeting words of peace, we say: “Ah Salaam Allaikum! in arabic, but in English it means peace be unto you!”

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of being the eyes of Africa focusing on the issues that hinder the development of the African people at home and the diaspora.

With a Sincere heart, we would like to thank you for the decision you took, which is to take part in the leadership and governance of the people of Malawi. We are certain that many men and women in your constituency had the same wish as yours; to lead in the development of your community, thereby contributing to the development of Malawi as a country. They too ran the same race in the elections, but you emerged the winner. This cannot just be taken for granted but a sign that people in your constituency, were in agreement with what you promised them when you were selected into the position of Power!

Leadership / Position of Power

As everything has Pros and Cons, **Leadership / Position of Power** also has its Pros and Cons.

The holy bible which is the spiritual book of the Christians, points out much on the cons of leadership. But there is a good example of a leader in the bible and that's Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ said "I am the good shepherd." The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

A good leader is always ready to fight for their sheep, to an extent that his life becomes of no value than the life of his sheep. What does this mean to those in the position of power?

To you who have been assigned with the responsibility to lead your communities, the needs of your communities MUST be your priorities over your own personal needs thats, **laying down your life for the life of the sheep.**
This is to tell that, you have to make your words bond with your actions, bearing in mind that, that bond is life and if you fail to make your words, your bond, then definitely you are failing your life and there is no need for you to enjoy this life on earth.

Ezekiel said; "**Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice of animals, but you do not take care of the flock,"** and the reward for these greedy shepherds is written in the same verse, where the LORD says: **"I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them."**
The bible is called scriptures, and from this word scripture! is where we get the word script! A script is a pre written document that guides actors in the movie or play on what to say to produce an action. We have to be very careful for we might be fulfilling scriptures here.

Why Writing to Us

To warn you and to guide you.

Playing my part in fulfilling another scripture that says, ***"If I say to the wicked man, 'You will surely die,' but you do not warn him or speak out to warn him from his wicked ways to save his life; that wicked man will die in his iniquity, and I will hold you responsible for his blood. But if you warn a wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness and his wicked ways, he will die in his iniquity, but you will have saved yourself."***

I am just saving myself! As you too have the responsibility to warn others.

Yours Truly

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Then we went back to the president with this next letter.

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Firstly, we would like to greet you with the greeting words of Peace, following a good example of Jesus Christ, as according to the Scriptures, Jesus never met then left people without greeting them with the greeting words of peace:
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Once again we are writing to your Excellency the President in order to offer guidance and unbiased counsel based on perspectives of the Malawian citizens and those of international onlookers - on 'how the Malawian government is being run.'

We are aware that we do not form part of your Excellency the President's counsel or that of the President's advisory

committee within government, but as citizens of Malawi, we believe it to be within our constitutional right - to speak to those leading us within our government.

As we promised in our first letter; *'to keep writing to his Excellency the President, despite having no response*' and to that end, we are fulfilling that promise; for we are strong believers of making our words our bond!

In **communications**, we learn that, a successful communication channel must have a transmitter, a medium, a receiver and lastly feedback. Feedback is the most important part of communication, because it guarantees the transmitter that the message that was sent through the proper channel had been received, understood and therefore the feedback.

With his Excellency the President's lack of feedback, we assume that our letters have not been understood and therein the lack of feedback or our letters have been spammed as all the letters we have written and addressed to his Excellency the President Dr. Lazarus Chakwera , of which have not been responded to.

We, as citizens have been told - that 'we have the right to communicate with our leaders, in the position of power;' But what is the point of giving people the right to communicate with you when within your government or the channels through which we are supposed to reach you, are officials and others who are suppressing the voices of the people who wish to reach His Excellency the President.

On the other hand, we understand that not all voices will be responded to, but the leadership actions must depict the concerns of the voices that have reached you!

We, the people of Malawi are the government, and His Excellency the President Dr Lazarus Chakwera is thereto appointed and employed by the people to lead us in all governmental afairs.

Therefore communication is the engine that runs government affairs for without communication, there will be no development and no advancement.

As Malawi is a democratic country and Democracy means *"a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives."* There is no government without the people, and if the leaders think that *they* are the government, then history will bear witness that when the people become ungovernable, then all else fails. To this end, many African leaders have fallen because of misinformation and the lack of proper communication in the language that a countries majority understands.

Leadership

The condition of the people is the bearer of witness of its Leadership. If the leaders are corrupt, then too do the people become corrupt!
His Excellency the President is a good leader! But many good leaders have turned to be bad leaders due to Greed/inordin-

ate self-interest, which encourages self-serving throughout all the departments within the government and the first casualty in a situation like this is the truth.

The whole world is suffering from greed or inordinate self-interest! And this has put many innocent people into the hungry hands of poverty. If you are a leader of the people and you love the life of your people, your life means nothing - for you have many lives to serve and since the condition of the people is the true reflection of its leadership and the ultmate example can be found in the bible where Jesus Christ said *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."*

When leaders become liars the entire government becomes a government of liars therein lies and deceit become the order of rule.

To be treasury of the people is a sacred responsibility. It is better to die protecting the people's money, as the people will never believe that it was taken when it is no longer available. When we are in the eye of a public position, the public's money is not yours, it is the responsibility of the people in leadership to watch and administer the public funds in such a way that it will bring the organisational goals and objectives to fruition. Many times we have had to witness poverty within leadership where leaders have found ways into

public funds to enrich themselves at the expense of the poor who need it most.

Growing up in Malawi, I have experienced people stealing food meant for mourners at a funeral, people stealing offerings from church collections leaving a people in need in elongated states of poverty and death and such is a true reflection of the leadership that we have had, and by God we hope his Excellency is in it for change, for better.

A real man does not amass worth to leave for his children when he dies, real men amass worth for the organisations that will live-on when they die.
And Ezekiel said “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock”. The reward for these greedy shepherds is written in the same verse where the LORD says: “I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.”

The bible is called scriptures, and from this word scripture is where we get the word script!
A script is a pre written document that guides actors in a movie or play as to what to say and when to say it, to produce an action.

We, the citizens and those with power must be very careful

for we might be fulfilling scriptures here.

We await and look forward to feedback from the office of his Excellency the President Dr. Lazarus Chakwera .

Yours Truly

Charles Akhenaten Mkandawire.
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But why were we writing all these letters?

Fulfilling the scriptures that says, **"If I say to the wicked man, 'You will surely die,' but you do not warn him or speak out to warn him from his wicked way to save his life, that wicked man will die in his iniquity, and I will hold you responsible for his blood. But if you warn a wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness and his wicked way, he will die in his iniquity, but you will have saved yourself."**

I am just saving myself! As you too have the responsibility to warn others.

Paying attention to these letters, the core message that we want you to consider, is the Protection of Malawi's natural resources, so that they can be an enabling blessing to Malawians from God, which could raise the standard of living of the Malawian people.

John Perkins in his book, **(The confession of an Economic Hitman)** defined the Economic Hitman and I quote:

"We are an elite group of men and women who utilize international financial organizations to foment conditions that make other nations subservient to the corporatocracy that runs our biggest corporations, our government, and our banks. Like our counterparts in the Mafia, we provide favors.

These take the form of loans to develop infrastructure — electric generating plants, highways, ports, airports, or industrial parks.

One condition of such loans is that engineering and construction companies from our own country must build all these projects. In essence, most of the money never leaves the United States; it is simply transferred from banking offices in Washington to engineering offices in New York, Houston, or San Francisco.

Despite the fact that the money is returned almost immediately to corporations that are members of the corporatocracy (the creditors), the recipient country is required to pay it all back, principal plus interest. If an EHM is completely successful, the loans are so large that the debtor is forced to default on its payments after a few years.
When this happens, like the Mafia, we demand our pound of flesh, which often includes one or more of the following: control over United Nations votes, the installations of military bases, or access to precious resources, like oil or the Panama Canal. Of course, the debtor still owes us the money - and

another country is added to our global empire." **(John Perkins – The Confessions of the Economic Hitman.)**

The African Eyes, have seen that 'one' already visited you.

This is your God given chance, to bring the kingdom of God Down on earth. Like Lazarus on the bossom of Abraham, and when the world rulers like the rich man in that biblical story, ask you for a drop of water for they are always thirsty for something, tell them that, there is a Gap between us, that we can't visit each other.

That day has come that the man of sin must be revealed, the son of perdition.

Wakutsina khutu ndi mnasi.

Ndatha ine wanu

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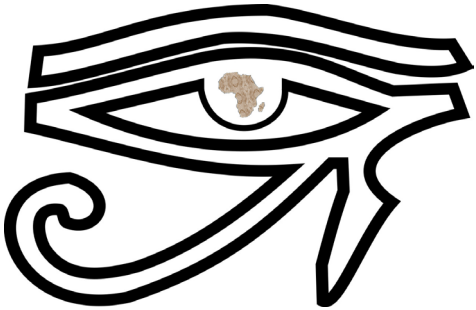

Dedication

This book is dedicated to each and every Malawian [African] willing to challenge the preconceptions and abandon the misconceptions of what "government for the people" really means.

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